

## **STRATEGIC PLANNING TASK FORCE END OF YEAR REPORT**

Task Force Name: Integrated and Expanded Health and Wellness.

### **2015-16 TASK FORCE WORK:**

#### **April - May 2016 Meeting Schedule:**

April 18, May 2, May 18

#### **Subcommittees convened, if applicable:**

None

#### **Summary of work completed:**

Report of Recent Activity – Integrated and Expanded Health and Wellness Committee (IHW)

- The Co-Chairs met with graduate and undergraduate student groups to discuss the committee's work. Students shared reactions and suggestions regarding program possibilities, both involving integration and expansion along with ideas regarding mission fit.
- The committee is in the midst of discussing proposals for greater integration of existing programs (e.g. two distinct public health majors) as well as possibilities for expanded programming in new areas (such as Occupational and Physical Therapy, Health Coaching, a doctorate of Public Health among others). The committee's task is to recommend programs for further investigation by a market research firm, hired by the university, in collaboration with the committee.
- The committee is discussing the notion of a College of Health at St. Thomas as well as alternative structures. An ultimate structure will be dependent upon the extent and type of programming that shows promise.
- The committee has engaged in initial analysis of qualitative data obtained from Minneapolis and St. Paul "Brown Bags" along with the "Ideas Festival" held last October. Final data analysis and summary for a final report will be forthcoming. Themes emerging from the data are important in informing the "character" of UST health programming that will be proposed.

#### **Events held, if applicable:**

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#### **Plans for submitting and disseminating recommendations or results from 2015-16 work:**

The Co-Chairs in consultation with select committee members will be finalizing a report with recommendations for university administration over the course of the summer.

*Please attach any documents that you would like to release for wider community review at this time.*

### **2016-17 TASK FORCE PLANS**

Will your task force continue work past May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2016? Yes No

If yes:

#### **Planned summer work:**

Completing report summarizing the committee's activities and a set of recommendations.

#### **Membership/leadership change requests for 2016-17:**

None

**Proposed timeline for 2016-17:**

Report completion and submission by September 1, 2016. Work throughout the year in consultation with market research firm, university administration, and faculty.

**Changes in resource needs:**

None

**Please describe any need/opportunity for additional community input that you anticipate for Fall 2016.**

We anticipate that our recommendations will be shared out with the UST community in the fall of 2016.